GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:494
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Kudankulam NPP-II
Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Unit-II is yet to be commissioned/yet to produce power;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite operationalizing this unit and ensure all safety parameters are put in place?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) The hot run which is a pre-requisite for downstream activities like fuel loading and approach to first criticality, has been successfully completed in accordance with laid down procedures and regulatory requirements. The unit is being prepared for further activities and commissioning of unit-II is expected in the first quarter of 2016-17.

(c)Close monitoring is being carried out to expedite the commissioning activities. In order to ensure safety, apart from the checks and the tests conducted by the operator, a detailed review at every step is done by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) before accord of clearance for the next step.

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